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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED STATUS OF POLISH THINKING ON S&T FUNDING WITH CHOWANIEC OF MFA AUGUST 29. CHOWANIEC SIAD THAT GOP HAD STUDIED PAWLISZEWSKI'S REPORT ON HIS MEETING WITH GANLEY AND UNOFRUNATELY HAD FOUND "LITTLE NEW" IN U.S. PROPOSALS. CHOWANIEC WAS PLEASED BY THE MOVEMENT AWAY FROM CONSECUTIVE TOWARD CONCURRENT FUNDING, BUT HE STRESSES THAT FROM THE POLISH POINT OF VIEW, THE SIZE OF THE FUND AND THE PERIOD DURING WHICH IT WILL OPERATE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS THAN THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FUNDS IS ESTABLISHED OR ADMINISTERED. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HOPED THE U.S. SIDE WOULD SHOW SOME READINESS TO COMPROMISE WITH THE POLISH PROPOSALS ON THE SIZE AND DURATION OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH WERE NOT INFLEXIBLE. THE GOP, HE SAID, IS AWARE OF THE TECHNICAL AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS WHICH THE U.S. SIDE MUST MEET, AND IT IS WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE THE USG ON ALL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS.

2. CHOWANIEC STRESSED THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER IN VIEW OF THE UPCOMING VISIT OF FIRST SECRETARY GIAREK TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES. CHOWANIEC, VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE

KRZAK, AND CHYLINSKI AND BONIUK OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE JOINT TRADE COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 1-10 (KRZAK ARRIVES SEPT 4) AND HOPE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS S&T FUNDING WITH RESPONSIBLE U.S. OFFICIALS. VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI AND JAN KINAST OF THE MFA WILL ALSO BE IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, SAID CHOWANIEC, AND COULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISCUSSIONS. CHOWANIEC ADDED THAT IF INECESSARY HE WOULD STAY ONE OR TWO EXTRA DAYS IN WASHINGTON. NOTING GANLEY'S SUGGESTION OF FURTHER TALKS IN MID-SEPTEMBER, CHOWANIEC SAID THAT BY SEPTEMBER 15 ONLY THREE WEEKS WOULD REMAIN BEFORE THE VISIT AND THAT THE COMPETENT POLISH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING HIMSELF, WOULD BE ENGAGED IN PREAPRATIONS IN WARSAW.

3. CHOWANIEC SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT ON RESEARCH IN MINING AND ENERYGY COULD BE DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON LATER IN SEPTEMBER BY EXPERTS FROM THE POLISH MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER.

4. EMBASSY REITERATES ITS REQUEST (REF B) THAT SOME MEANS BE FOUND TO ACCOMMODATE POLISH INTEREST IN DISCUSSIONS OF JOINT FUNDING DURING SEPT 3-10 PERIOD. THE IMMINENCE OF GIEREK'S VISIT, IN OUR VIEW, MAKES IT ESSENTAIL THAT WE NOT FRUSTRATE POLISH HOPES FOR AGREEMENT THROUGH FAILURE TO NEGOTIATE.
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